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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

14 February 1986

RG Frank J. Breth, USMC
Director of Intelligence
HQ United States Marine Corps

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your suggestion that there be a community in-depth analysis of the Northwest TVD. We believe an NIE in the 11-14 series is the best vehicle for this study. [redacted]

We appreciate and accept the offer to provide a drafter for the document. [redacted] my Assistant NIO/GPF, will be my chairman for the estimate. [redacted]

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Sincerely,

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MG Stephen E. Nichols, USA
National Intelligence Officer
for General Purpose Forces

cc: RADM William O. Studeman
Director of Naval Intelligence

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from Director of Intelligence, USMC

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Major General Stephen E. Nichols, USA
National Intelligence Officer for
General Purpose Forces

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Start NIE on Soviet Forces
and Capabilities in the Northwest Theater of
Military Operations ☐

REFERENCE: Request for Interagency Intelligence Assessment
from Director of Intelligence, USMC ☐

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1. The Director of Intelligence, USMC has requested that the NIC initiate a Community assessment on Soviet Forces and Capabilities in the Northwest Theater of Military Operations. (See Attachment). ☐

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2. Completion of the NW theater assessment will complete our analysis of the theaters of military operations. The total package will have a profound impact on the Joint Strategic Planning System. ☐

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3. Subject to your approval, we will assign chairmanship of the estimate to Assistant NIO/GPF, ☐. A Concept Paper and Terms of Reference will be drafted and sent to NFIB representatives by March with NFIB approval and publication scheduled for 3rd Q86. ☐

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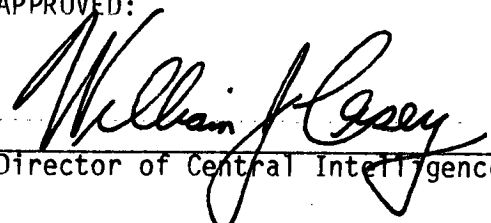
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Stephen E. Nichols

Att: a/s

APPROVED:


Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI
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VIA: C/NIC
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FROM: NIO/GPF

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REFERENCE: Request for Interagency Intelligence Assessment
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Breth + he agreed
we muddy-up who we
are thanking for the
draft.

I also deleted the date
of Breth's letter.

Ted



6 December 1985

Dear General Nichols:

I have taken the opportunity to share the results of our September meeting concerning estimative issues important to the Marine Corps with the Director of Naval Intelligence and other principals in the intelligence community. Of the issues we discussed, my concern remains centered on the Northwest TVD. The Navy and Marine Corps commitment to Norway is extensive and requires continuing intelligence analysis. Although DIA and CIA have produced several documents, I am unaware of any published in-depth community analysis. In our view, such a document would be most beneficial.

We believe the Northwest TVD merits study because of its vital strategic value to the Soviet Union. It is an essential element of Soviet strategic planning because: (1) it is necessary for the protection of the Soviet SSBN bastions, and; (2) it covers the corridor through which the U.S. would conduct strategic strikes.

We also believe, and I hope you agree, that now is an excellent time to initiate the study since we have published an NIE on "Soviet Capabilities for Global War" and updated estimates on the various TVDs.

Again, thank you for a superb visit. We look forward to participating in the estimative process in the future.

Very respectfully,

FRANK J. BRETH
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps
Director of Intelligence

Major General Stephen E. Nichols, USA
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